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FOLLOWING IS MBABANE'S DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT
FOR 1977.

A. MAXIMUM PERIOD BEFORE BURIAL: GOS HOSPITAL MORGUES
WILL GENERALLY HOLD REMAINS FOR ONLY 72 HOURS DUE TO LACK
OF SPACE. LOCAL FUNERAL HOMES WILL HOLD THE REMAINS IN
COLD STORAGE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD PENDING FINAL
ARRANGEMENTS. STORAGE FEES ARE DOLLARS 3.48 PER DAY.

IF THE REMAINS ARE TO BE BURIED IN SWAZILAND AND ARE
UNEMBALMED THEY MUST BE BURIED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF
REMOVAL FROM COLD STORAGE. IF EMBALMED, THERE IS NO
STATUTORY TIME LIMIT FOR BURIAL.

IF PERSON DIED OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, IT MUST BE PLACED
IN COLD STORAGE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF DEATH AND EMBLME
UPON REMOVAL OR PLACED IN HERMETICALLY SEALED COFFIN FOR
SHIPMENT.

B. EMBALMING: IF THE REMAINS ARE TO BE BUREI BURIED IN
SWAZILAND, THEY NEED NOT BE EMBALMED UNLESS REQUESTED.
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THERE IS A "QUICK" EMBALMING AVAILABLE IN SWAZILAND
VALID FOR BURIAL HERE BUT NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL
SHIPMENT. CORPSES THAT ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE U.S.
MUST BE EMBALMED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

C. CREMATION: THERE ARE NO CREMATION FACILITIES IN
SWAZILAND. ALL CREMATION MUST BE DONE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

D. CASKETS FOR INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT ARE PREPARED IN SOUTH AFRICA. THEY ARE LINED AND HERMETICALLY SEALED PRIOR TO SHIPMENT.

E. SINCE ALL REMAINS ARE SHIPPED THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA, THERE ARE NO SEPARATE SWAZILAND LAWS OR REGULATIONS SEPARATE FROM THOSE OF SOUTH AFRICA. PLEASE CONSULT RSA REPORT.

F. COSTS:

REFRIGERATION OF REMAINS (3.48 PER DAY)	6.86
SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO RSA	174.00
EMBALMING	78.30
DOCUMENT PREPARATION	87.00
COFFIN	156.00
METAL LINING	78.30
TRANSPORT TO AIRPORT	21.75
CRATING AND PACKING OF COFFIN	671.81#
TOTAL	671.81

AVERAGE COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO N.Y. DOLS 1,472.00
 AVERAGE COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO CHICAGO DOLS 1,585.00
 AVERAGE COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO LOS ANGELES DOLS 1,706.00

#DEPENDING ON LOCATION WHERE CORPSE IS LOCATED IN SWAZILAND THERE MAY BE AN ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION CHARGE.

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CREMATION:

SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO RSA	174.00
CREMATION	80.00
TOTAL	254.00

SHIPMENT OF ASHES TO N.Y. DOLS 75.00

(SURFACE SHIPMENT OF ASHES IS NOT RECOMMENDED AS COSTS WILL BE ALMOST IDENTICAL)

SURFACE SHIPMENT OF EMBALMED CORPSE IN LINED CASKET IS A FLAT RATE OF DOLLARS 2,262

G. DISINTERMENT IS ALLOWED IN SWAZILAND BY PERMISSION OF CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, MINISTRY OF HEALTH. THERE MUST BE A MEDICAL DOCTOR AND POLICE OFFICER PRESENT. REGULATIONS CONCERNING SHIPMENT OF DISINTERED REMAINS

ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE APPLICABLE TO OTHER REMAINS. WACHOB

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